



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States, with an estimated eleven million victims last year;

Whereas, identity theft is a serious crime that occurs when someone uses your personally identifiable information without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes;

Whereas, Utah ranks 34th in identity theft nationwide and the Federal Trade Commission received 9,906 complaints of identity theft and identity fraud in our state during the year 2009;

Whereas, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association is committed to educating law enforcement on the growing threats of identity theft through events such as the FBI-LEEDA Identity Theft Summit to be held August 26, 2010 in West Valley City,

Whereas, strengthened efforts by federal, state and local law enforcement will help educate consumers and businesses on how to help protect against identity theft; and

Whereas, Utah is taking a stand against identity theft and assisting citizens by employing the only statewide online, identity theft reporting system where all reports are immediately delivered to appropriate law enforcement agencies for investigation and furthermore, citizens are encouraged to review and use the idtheft.utah.gov web site;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah do hereby declare August 23-27, 2010 as

Identity Theft Awareness Week in Utah

Gary R. Herbert
Governor